

# Magic Valley ATV Riders

November & December 2017



We are a family organization and welcome social interactions among all our members. Riders of all ages are welcome to join us. We are a growing, vibrant active organization of almost 400 members! – Photo: Pagari ride on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## President's Message

November is election time for the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. We will be filling two positions this year vacated by Gary Aufderheide and Robert Leitch. Here is what a board member does:

### Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. By-Laws

**Article VIII, Section 9** - The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the club. All matters affecting the policies, the Board of Directors shall decide aims and means of accomplishing the purposes of the club not specifically provided for in these By-Laws. The board shall meet at the call of the president or of a majority of the members of the board. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall be required for a quorum. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than six (6) members and a maximum of eleven (11) members. All officers are Board members by virtue of their office, Each past president who is a member in good standing is automatically a Board member. To be eligible for election and continued Board membership, any person must be a member of the Organization and in good standing. Board members will attend at least 50% of the General and Board meetings; any Board member not fulfilling this part of their job will be removed by the Board of Directors by a super majority vote of at least 60%.

**Section 10** - All officers shall have such other powers and duties as required by law.

Besides our monthly Board of Director's meetings, board members occasionally attend meetings with public land managers, other organizations asking us to attend, collect prizes for the annual banquet and picnic, sit in on telephone conference calls, and set up club activities.



If you have a desired interest in becoming a board member, please send me an email or give me a call by 8:00 PM MST November 7, 2017 to get your name on the ballot. Elections are on November 8, 2017 at our monthly meeting.

At our October meeting, I introduced a new page on our Website. In the Member Pages you will see a webpage called MVATVR Members. Here, we will publish your photo along with your name and hometown. This is strictly voluntary and to authorize your information be published on the webpage submit an email of authorization to Marvin Barnes. If you do not have email, please get with Marvin and he will have you sign an authorization form.

If at any time, you wish to have your information removed from the webpage just send Marvin an email making that request. This is a great opportunity to put a name to the face of someone

you met on a ride, but forgot who they were. We would like to have a photo of you while on a ride. If there was a good photo of you in the photo section of the website be specific and let Marvin know.

Kent Oliver - President

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## Public Lands Report

**M**any of our current members were not a part of the club when it was started almost 10 years ago. I thought it would be good to explain the why's and reasons that MVATVR was created.

At the time we started the club the Forest Service was going through a total and complete change on how motorized travel would be managed on their land.

Previously most forest land was managed under the concept of open unless closed. The chief of the Forest



Service decided that this was not the proper way to manage forest land, so decreed that all National Forest Land would be closed to motorized travel unless designated to be open.

This was a watershed moment for motorized users. At that time the ATV/UTV community in this area did not have an organized voice advocating for leaving our riding areas open. This was the driving force for organizing a local club. Of course, our club is more than just a public lands club. Over time it has become a place for ATV/UTV riders to meet other like-minded folks and have the opportunity to interact with others at meetings and on rides and campouts. We also give back to the community by donating our time and money to several worthwhile projects and charities. We also do a considerable amount of work on our public lands by helping with maintenance on trails and other projects. This is, as they say, 'icing on the cake.'

The fact remains if we have no place to ride all the other stuff doesn't matter.

Our primary focus and the most important thing we do is retaining and increasing motorized opportunities on public land. We spend quite a bit of time commenting on land use decisions and lobbying public managers and local and national elected officials to improve motorized opportunities

on public land. We have lost riding areas due to decisions made by public land managers and elected officials. But we have been able to control the bleeding, and in some cases, get trails and areas reopened to motorized use.

We have got trails reopened and in some cases new trails built in The Sawtooth, Challis-Salmon, Targhee and Humboldt National Forests. We also contribute to other organizations who are working to retain our access to public land. We are a member of the Idaho State ATV Association, The Idaho Recreation Council and The Blue Ribbon Coalition. Some folks have expressed concerns about the money we have in our treasury.

This is our war chest. We always hope and will pursue a decision by others that we feel is the proper one, but if an agreement cannot be reached we are ready to take it to the next level. This is why the money is necessary, litigation is very expensive. Fortunately, in Idaho we have partners that we can join with to reach an equitable decision.

I would like to thank all of you who have made the decision to become a part of this great organization. Numbers are very important when working with decision makers and elected officials. I would like to encourage you to invite other ATV/UTV riders to join us. Even if they do not want to be actively involved their support is needed and appreciated.

Stan Mai

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## New Trails

**T**he Minidoka Ranger District, and Darlene Bridges - recreation program manager - in particular, has been hard at work this fall to get some of the proposed trails on the ground. A trail cat was borrowed from the Fairfield Ranger District to make this possible. The Kirkham Deadline connector is on the ground. The Trout Creek reroute is on the ground as is the Jones Fork Connector.

A special thanks to Darlene for making this happen this fall despite being very short staffed.

Stan Mai

## Safety Corner:

As we begin our annual transition from fall to winter, our trail riding will begin to decline. Some of our members are preparing for their migration south to a warmer climate. Now is a good time to start preparing your machines for next year. Take the time to thoroughly clean and inspect your machine, making a list of maintenance and repair needs. Once you have this completed, purchase the parts you will need then schedule an appointment with a repair shop. Remember, during the winter months most of our OHV shops will be dealing snow machines and getting your OHV unit in might mean leaving it for a few weeks.

Kent Oliver - President

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## YE 100 Ride Report



The morning started out cold and breezy as 21 machines and 32 riders started the YE 100. The rains the night before left standing water in some of the fields and raised our hopes for a dust free day. That wish was short lived, as the first dirt road encountered, produced flour like dust.

We traveled through Oakley, passing the rodeo arena and airstrip, then turned south onto Birch Creek Road heading for Almo Park and City of Rocks Reserve. We headed east onto Fish Creek with our goal of climbing up to Almo Park and then dropping into the City of Rocks. The sun is now rising higher and we can now feel some warmth. Unfortunately, one of our members fell victim to the trail, hit a rock, and flipped the ATV. Fortunately, the rider was able to ride out with family and friends. The rider will recover from the injuries and I believe I heard a Razr is in the future.

After getting the injured rider situated and headed back to the vehicles, the rest of the group continued on the trip. As we continued our climb we encountered snow covered roads. The fresh smell of aspen and pine trees was a refreshing welcome from the dust in the valley below. We rode

through Almo Park and into the City of Rocks. As we rode through the reserve we saw several rock climbers braving the cold granite to conquer the rock. After a break near Bath Rock we traveled by Register Rock and the Twin Sisters.

Shortly after Register Rock, we began paralleling the California Trail, the route taken by many pioneers who left the Oregon Trail with sights on making it to California. As we turned south onto Birch Creek Road, we passed an old building that was once the Moulton School House. As we traveled on we passed another set of ruins and turn westward with Granite Pass in our sights. We encountered a puzzling sign (no trespassing) that caused our group to stop. The road is a connector between Birch Creek and Goose Creek and after speaking to a couple of hunters and some phone calls, we found the road is open for travel and the rancher had tried to deter people from using it. So, on we went.

After crossing over Granite Pass and passing the monument we began our decent into Birch Creek, a tributary to Goose Creek. We continued to follow and parallel the California Trail and passed a marker noting an Eagle Scout Project where some Boy Scouts helped preserve the historic trail. We then found a sunny and protected spot for lunch.

After a nice lunch we traveled down Birch Creek a short distance then turned south and wandered through the junipers. We then turned west on a little used road, passed an old abandoned military truck that was probably used at one of the old mines in the area and left when it finally gave up. We finally came to Goose Creek Road near Bedke's ranch. One of our riders left us here to head back to the vehicles.

The rest of the group headed southwest on the Goose Creek Road. We found that the cutoff road was fenced off and we had to ride on the main road farther. We arrived at the Jay Creek Trailhead and found the gate locked. The Jay Creek Road crosses some private property, so the land owner apparently locked the gate for the season. We rode onto Trout Creek where I knew the landowner welcomes recreational users and sportsman. Our route up Trout Creek and then over the hill into Jay Creek was both fun





and challenging. It was filled with ruts, sharp turns around old junipers, and a steep off camber decent into Jay Creek.

We rode north up Jay Creek into the Sawtooth National Forrest. We continued across Mahogany Butte and on towards Willow Creek Peak. Here two machines split off and headed back to the vehicles via Beaver Dam Pass and Trapper Creek Road.

The remaining diehards continued ridge hopping to Trout Creek Pass and on down to Trapper Creek Road. Here two more machines headed back to the vehicles. The rest rode up Trapper Creek Road and towards Bostetter. We then rode down the Oakley Rogerson Road arriving at the vehicles approximately 45 minutes before sunset and 103 to 105 miles for the day. It was a cool beginning and ending to the day.

I want to thank all who shared their photos and videos of the ride. Without your willingness to share others would not be able to see what was missed. My hope is those who missed these long rides will see something in the pictures and videos that will spark them to go and explore parts of the ride.

Kent Oliver, ride leader

## Buhl Night Light Parade



The annual Buhl Night Light Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. that night and the parade will start at 7:00 p.m.

The theme will be "Christmas in a Small Town." We would like to encourage you to participate!

Please contact Dixie, or a member of the board for more information.

## Club Meetings Schedule



Idaho Pizza Company, Twin Falls  
11/8/17 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting  
12/13/17 6:00 PM (Club Social not a Meeting)

## Banquet Raffle

We are in the planning stage of our annual banquet and we are looking for ideas for prizes for our raffle and drawings.

No matter what we have as a raffle prize(s), 80 percent of the proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit charity and the club will keep the other 20 percent of the proceeds to help offset the costs of the meal, and other club expenses.



Why the strange 80/20 split? Well, state law, and our constitution stipulate this arrangement in order for us to have a legal raffle without running afoul of fines, etc.

Regular drawings are not affected by this and we will still have our regular drawings for prizes. This only affects the raffle where you buy tickets for a chance to win.

If you have ideas for prizes for both the raffle, and the regular drawings, please let a board member know!

Aaron Larson

## Fall Ride Report

A ride last year through the South Hills when the leaves were changing inspired me to plan a nice fall ride for the upcoming year. After the weather not cooperating, and other things, I had to change my "Color Ride" to just a "Fall Ride" since the leaves were already gone...

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, I arrived at the unloading area at Diamondfield Jacks at 8:15 a.m.

and found Jerry Kriegh had beat me to the mountain. After a while, we had 14 machines ready to go riding.

We started our ride at 9:15 a.m. on a crisp 43-degree day. As we headed up the Deadline Connector, we saw three bull moose, one with a really large rack. Not too long after that, on the Magic West Side road, we saw two more bull moose! In all my years riding the South Hills, I have never seen so many bull moose!

As we proceeded up Lanford Flat road, we enjoyed the view of desert brush with interspersed pine trees. We jumped on Skunk Road (119) and wound our way on Pond Spring (121) and Orin Spring (123) roads. We found that the rancher had removed his cattle and left the gates open and fence laid down, saving us time opening and closing gates.

We jumped onto Sanitary Spring (122), then to Van Eaton Spring (222), Lime Spring (224) and down the steep grade on Sheep Spring Fork (226). While in this area, we ran across

some hunters. I stopped and let them know that there were thirteen machines behind me and the driver and his passengers were flabbergasted that so many were in my hunting party. After a quick correction about who we were, I continued to lead the party.



Since lunch time was soon approaching and we were slightly behind where I guessed (no, I didn't plan this trip down to the minute like my spring ride ☺), I pulled my machine into the clearing at the Sheep Spring Cutoff and Sanitary Spring junction.

After enjoying lunch for about a half an hour, we "hit the road" again, after stripping off a layer of clothing, since it was now 65 degrees! We traveled down Big Creek (543) and then made our way to Meadow Spring (243). I stopped at the West end of the Winecup Monument Road (893) to gather everyone up since the last little jaunt was through an area where radio traffic was unreliable.

At this point, one rider was tired and another rider volunteered to lead her back to the parking area. After a short break, we continued down the road. We then headed North on Little Piney (671) and stopped once again to gather everyone up at the Buck Creek Road (177) junction. We headed

down the road to see if the new Jones Creek trail was open, and sure enough, not only did we see fresh dozer tracks, we found a brand-new trail! When we hit the Jones Creek road (867) we took a short break and another rider called it a day and headed home.

We then headed back out and took the Monument Peak East (883) cutoff and headed to Trout Creek. As we headed to Trout Creek, the Monument Peak East road was VERY wet and muddy from all the snow that had accumulated in this very shady area.

All the riders that had continued on were very curious how the new Trout Creek Trail Reroute had turned out. Well, in this authors opinion, it didn't ruin the trail too badly. I am afraid that in the spring, several areas on the new side hill cuts are going to sloughed off pretty badly, however, and it will be off camber. These new cuts will probably require quite a bit of trail maintenance to keep them safe for ATV riders.

As we headed down the trail, nearing the location where all the idiots have gotten vehicles stuck in the creek in the past, we encountered a rider blocking the trail! After boisterously, and highly jokingly informing the rider (it was a nice gentleman who had earlier volunteered to lead the previously mentioned rider back to her vehicle) that he was blocking the trail and holding up a large contingent of riders, he kindly backed up a bit and re-joined the group on further adventures!

When we finished our trip down Trout Creek, we headed down Trapper Creek road (533) and once again stopped at the Trapper Creek\FS Spring junction where several more riders called it a day and headed back to the parking area.

Those that remained, about 8 machines I think, headed to Telephone Canyon (174) and then down Buttars Spring (922). After a really brisk ride, we then headed down Third Fork (004) where one of the passengers on a RZR saw a group of does on the side of the trail! We all stopped and watched the nine deer that were only about 25 yards away, stare at us without a care in the world for several minutes.



We then jumped on Little Fork (163) and headed to Pike Mountain (239) where we ended our ride at the parking area at 5:10 in the afternoon.

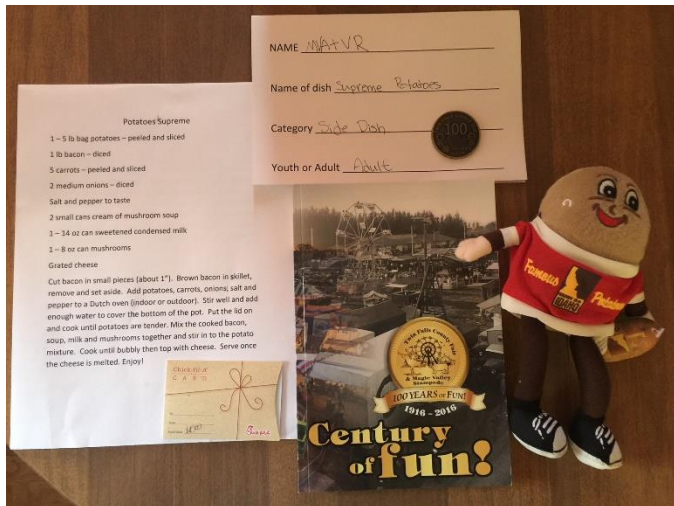
At the conclusion of the ride, those that stuck with the ride leader, had covered 66.2 miles in 7 hours and 55 minutes. Moving time was 4:47 and stopped time was 2:57, according to the trusty GPS. It also said that the average moving speed was 13.3 mph.

I would like to thank everyone that gave up their Saturday of working in the yard, cleaning their houses, or other chores that needed to be done, to go riding with me. Perhaps next year, we can actually see some colors on the leaves. In the meantime, enjoy whatever riding you can get in between now and when the snow is too deep to enjoy the trails!

Aaron Larson – Ride Leader

## Anything Potato

Anything Potato was held on Saturday, October 21st at the Filer Fairgrounds. There were approximately 8 participants with main dish, side dish and dessert potatoes. There were potato dishes from soup to sweet potato cobbler. Brad & I planned a potato side dish Supreme Potatoes as our entry. I would like to thank Linda Laudert for coming to help with serving our potatoes. We won second place for our side dish. We enjoy participating, supporting and representing the Magic Valley ATV Riders at this event!



Linda Stimpson

## New Members

We would like to welcome Linda Clark as our only new member of the club in the last two months.

If you know anyone that has an ATV and enjoys the outdoors, we would love to have them as members of the club!

Linda Stimpson

## Membership Dues

Dues are \$20 for a single person and \$25 for a family.

Please mail your payment to PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or bring your payment to the next meeting.

Linda Stimpson

## Thinking of You

- Jan Grosshans -Broken shoulder blade
- Randy Graham – Brother passed away
- Rex Osterhout Family– Rex passed away
- Mike Hutchins Family – Mike passed away
- Stan Mai – Mother passed away
- Shelly Conner – Recovery from accident

## Flags

If you would like to buy a brand-new orange MVATVR flag for your ATV/UTV, there are still a few available. They are \$20 each.



We also have American flags printed on the same material the club flags are printed on. They are also \$20 each.

Call Robert Leitch (539-6066) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

Robert Leitch

Q: How do crazy ATV'ers go through the forest?

A: They take the psychopath.

Q: What do you get from riding ATV's in the Arctic too long? A: Polaroids.



**For Sale**



Zamp portable solar kit, 160 watts and 8.9 amps, I'm asking \$700.00 retail is right at \$1000.00. If more information is needed let me know.

David Burgoyne - 208-420-8917

**For Sale**



Track system for CanAm. \$3,000 for the complete set.

Steve Soelberg - 208-539-4745.





# Trail Difficulty Guide

**Level 1 - Beginner:** Gravel or dirt surfaces that are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface. Ride distance will be short, speeds very slow.

**Level 2 - Advanced Beginner:** Mild ups and downs, some narrow, mild rock, mostly roads and jeep trails, minor off camber. Two-wheel drive ok.

**Level 3 - Intermediate:** Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or rutty surface. May have short sections that are narrow. Can have blind turns, switchbacks, steep or roller coaster grades, some off-camber side hills, minor drop-offs, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame. Four-wheel drive may be needed depending on conditions. Pace of ride will be a little faster, distances and length of ride will be longer.

**Level 4 - Advanced Intermediate:** Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Four-wheel drive highly recommended.

**Level 5 - Expert:** Very rocky, steep, off camber, high water crossings, large ruts. Large obstacles in trails, narrow with big drop offs. Four-wheel drive required, may need winch.



## Club Rules

The Magic Valley ATV Riders (MVATVR), Inc. would appreciate you being considerate of others and observing the following rules/guidelines while participating in club activities. Obviously, any actions that are unlawful or unsafe are prohibited.



1. Pets should be kept on a leash of no longer than 6 feet during any rides, campouts or other MVATVR events. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect the rights of others.

2. Idaho State Law states that being under the influence and/or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs while operating an OHV is illegal and therefore will not be tolerated by MVATVR, Inc.

3. Generator use should be with consideration for others in camp and a recommended quiet time from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM needs to be observed.

4. By operating your machine in a safe responsible manner, waiting at intersections and corners, you can insure that fellow riders will not be left behind and everyone will have an enjoyable ride.

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## Board of Directors

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## The Fine Print

I\we fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to and including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the activity. Rides are open to current MVATVR members and invited guests.





# Application for Membership

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., P.O. Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID. 83303-0767

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

To reduce mailing cost would you like to receive your newsletter by Email?  Yes  No

Would you be interested in committee or board member positions?  Yes  No

What type of riding and other activities do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership, Please Select One:  New (or)  Yearly Renewal

Membership year is January to January. New memberships received after July 31st will be half rate and after November 1st will be credited for next year.

Please Select One:  Individual \$20.00 per year  Spouse/Family \$25.00 per year

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:** I/we fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to And including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the activity. I/we (to include all family members and guests) hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. its directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, other participants, any sponsors, advisors, and if applicable owners and leasers of premises on which the activity takes place, (each considered one of the release's herein) from all liability claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in party the negligence of release's. I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Release's from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim. I am 18 years of age or older, have read and understand the terms of this agreement, understand that I am giving up substantial rights, have signed it voluntarily and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.



By signing this agreement I/we agree to abide by all club bylaws and rules

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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